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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Richard Flieger and Freddy D'Hulster

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For: BUSHING CONTACT

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the above-mentioned PCT application, please accept the enclosed application under the national stage pursuant to 35 USC § 371 and amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On Page 6, lines 5 and 10, delete "looking" and replace with --locking--.

On Page 7, line 33, delete "a crank" and replace with -- an offset --.

In the Claims:

1. A socket contact consisting of a backup spring and a base spring, said backup spring enclosing the base spring in box-like manner with a first wall, a second wall, a third wall, and divided fourth wall, and with at least two connecting lugs being formed on one wall section for connecting the wall sections of the divided fourth wall to each other in positive manner, said connecting lugs being arranged in the front and rear portions of the wall section as seen in the direction of insertion of the socket contact, the other wall section is formed with a recess for each connecting lug and said connecting lugs are passed through the